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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF SUNAPEE,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1881.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Money in the treasury March 1, 1880,	$365.60
" paid treasurer for license,	9.00
Received by assessing town tax 1880	2,000.00
" state "	628.00
" county "	718.18
" school "	699.50
" school-house tax in Dist. No. 8,	240.00
" " " " 5,	23.24
Received surplus on foregoing assessments,	202.80
" non-resident highway tax,	26.69
" dog tax,	53.00
" of collector, 1877,	32.40
" " '78,	56.50
" " '79,	524.33
Received of County of Sullivan,	593.94
" Savings Bank tax,	364.66
" literary fund,	77.70
" Josiah Turner, interest on note,	25.00
" town of Lebanon, support of B. N. Eastman,	133.77
" town of Lebanon, cost in suit of B. N. Eastman,	24.70
Hired of Harriet H. Davis,	300.00
" Lucy A. Roby,	50.00
Total,	$7,149.01

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for breaking roads,	338.79
" " repairing roads and bridges,	316.42
" " school and other taxes,	2,534.11
" abated taxes,	38.25
" on notes,	494.07
" miscellaneous,	634.90
" for support of paupers,	1,018.14
Total,	$5,374.68

Abated Taxes Assessed 1877.

Isaac S. Colby	tax,	$1527
John W. Paige	"	2.76
Lewis Chambers	"	1.80
Hannah Cass,	"	4.09
E. Batchelder	"	3.89

Abated Taxes Assessed 1878.

Charles F. Wilkins	tax,	1.44
Reuben B. Muzzey	"	9.00

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts, including whole amount tax of 1880,		$7,149.01
Paid treasurer, as per receipt,	$5,374.68	
Uncollected taxes of 1880,	927.94	
Balance in treasurer's hands March 1st, 1881,	846.39	
		$7,149.01

BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Rachel Crowell	note and interest,	$1,088.79
Nancy Rogers	" "	248.93

BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN, CONTINUED.

Hiram Newton	"	"	2,507.53
Mehitable Brown	"	"	1,306.57
Hazen Crowell	"	"	326.64
John P. Knowlton	"	"	1,188.44
Levi Colby	"	"	986.37
Lyman W. Clay	"	"	139.47
Maroa C. Cooper	"	"	209.37
Asenath F. Cooper	"	"	25.06
Sarah L. Colby	"	"	301.70
Lyman Colburn	"	"	388.95
Jonathan Russell	"	"	710.17
Alfred Martin	"	"	435.52
Sarah J. Stickney	"	"	43.54
William Trow	"	"	1,399.14
Rhador Hutchins	"	"	714.52
Mary P. Straw	"	"	631.56
Henry H. Stickney	"	"	71.96
Harvey W. Dickinson	"	"	648.78
Harvey Brown	"	"	1,357.60
Juliette K. Boyce	"	"	539.12
James Collins	"	"	543.78
Eliza Collins	"	"	47.78
Elizabeth C. Morgan	"	"	104.22
Charlotte Blaisdell	"	"	272.20
Frank L. Blaisdell	"	"	141.83
Elijah G. Ryder	"	"	393.29
Betsey Ryder	"	"	31.70
Ezra G. Ryder	"	"	124.39
Francena G. Ryder	"	"	57.70
Charles George	"	"	120.43
David Brown	"	"	2,709.26
Mary Ann Davis	"	"	158.95
M. Q. & R. A. Eastman	"	"	316.99
Harriet H. Davis	"	"	310.00
Lucy A. Roby	"	"	50.83
Due James M. Collins, held by trustee of Lafayette Colby			11.89
			$20,664.97

BILLS IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN.

Money in the treasury March 1st, '81	$846.39	
Money in hands of collector, '78	170.21	
" " '79	83.84	
" " '80	927.94	
Due on the estate of E. S. Eastman	100.76	
Due from Josiah Turner, int. on note	25.00	
		$2,154.14
Balance against the town		$18,510.83

All of which is respectfully submitted

JOHN M. COOPER,
FREDERICK A. YOUNG,
DANIEL A. GEORGE,
} Selectmen of Sunapee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury March 1st, 1880,	$365.60
Received of the Selectmen,	1,569,77
" Collector for 1877,	32.40
" " '78,	56.50
" " '79,	524.33
" " '80,	3,663.47
" Town Clerk for licenses,	9.00
Total,	$6,221.07

DISBURSEMENTS MADE BY ORDERS FROM THE SELECTMEN.

EXPENSE OF PAUPERS.

Paid expense of county paupers,	$581.64
N. H. Asylum for the Insane for the support of Isabel Batchelder,	219.55
D. C. Eastman for boarding B. N. Eastman,	68.50
" " Sally Cheney,	78.00
H. R. Everett, for boarding Lovira Everett,	7.00
C. F. Leslie, medical service rendered Sally Cheney,	4.00
D. G. Knowlton, clothing for Sally Cheney,	2.95
Lucy A. Roby, making clothing for "	1.25
J. W. Merrill, pair of boots for B. N. Eastman,	3.25
N. P. Baker, goods for M. A. Angell,	52.00
Total,	$1,018.14

REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	Joseph Tucker	labor on road.	$1.25
	Albert D. Felch	"	3.42
	James M. Collins	"	77.00
	Philip Flanders	"	30.72
	James F. Trowe	"	10.32
	George H. Colby	"	1.68
	W. W. King	"	4.20
	Asahel Lear	"	3.12
	E. G. Ryder	"	1.82
	Aaron Beck	"	4.16
	James B. Hurd	"	7.07
	F. A. Young	"	6.50
	Franklin Blodgett	"	4.50
	"	bridge plank	2.00
	Josiah Scott	"	3.04
	Frank P. Dow	"	50
	"	labor on road	11.50
	John C. Boyce, labor and labor furnished		35.08
	B. R. Sleeper, labor on bridge		5.24
	Almon Angell, labor on bridges		21.26
	"	bridge plank and timber	7.49
	Albert Runals,	" "	39.22
	D. G. Knowlton, nails for bridge		1.03
	E. R. Sargent, for gravel		2.30
	F. A. Young,	"	15.00
	John V. Sargent,	"	7.00
	G. A. Hart,	"	10.00
	Total,		$316.42

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid	N. S. Gardner, breaking roads		$2.00
	W. W. King	"	7.02
	George H. Colby	"	30.48
	G. W. Gardner	"	7.74
	Almon D. Noyes	"	10.25
	James M. Davis	"	10.50

BREAKING ROADS, CONTINUED.

E. G. Ryder	"	12.42
Frank P. Dow	"	28.04
N. N. Jackson	"	18.66
James F. Trow	"	21.89
Cyrus S. Thompson	"	11.49
Almon Angell	"	8.10
B. R. Sleeper	"	4.62
Gilman Whitaker	"	14.04
James B. Hurd	"	3.72
Aaron Beck	"	4.73
Philip Flanders	"	9.96
E. R. Sargent	"	3.60
Seth S. Davis	"	3.78
John C. Boyce	"	18.21
David Winn	"	7.50
George W. Colby	"	5.76
J. M. Cooper	"	14.00
J. Y. Gardner	"	1.20
Franklin J. Colby	"	6.00
Samuel Gardner	"	8.77
John S. Whipple	"	6.14
Walter E. Holmes	"	7.24
Josiah Scott	"	5.94
Francis Smith, breaking roads in spring of '80,		4.86
James M. Collins, labor furnished,		40.13
Total.....		$338.79

SCHOOL AND OTHER TAXES.

Paid	Henry R. Cooper, District No. 1	110.47
	Mrs. Ella M. Hadley, District No. 2	157.28
	Eugene M. Eastman, District No. 3	72.49
	Almon L. Lear, District No. 4	90.96
	Willard W. Chase, District No. 5	80.77
	Frank P. Dow, District No. 6	42.91
	Moses G. Sargent, District No. 7	87.76

SCHOOL AND OTHER TAXES, CONTINUED.

Lewis H. Goss, District No. 8	180.34
John L. George, District No. 9	87.93
Daniel A. George, school-house tax Dist. No. 5	23.24
Geo. H. Bartlett, school-house tax Dist. No. 8	240.00
State tax to state treasurer	628.00
County tax to county treasurer,	718.18
J. F. Davis, non-resident highway tax receipts,	13.78
Esek Young, abatement of taxes assessed in '78,	10.44
C. A. Knowlton, abate. of taxes assessed in '77,	27.81
Total,	$2,572,36

NOTES.

Paid on note of Sarah L. Colby	$12.00
" Nancy Rogers	20.00
" Juliette K. Boyce	50.00
" Mary P. Straw	50.00
" David Brown	108.00
note of Polly P. George in full	254.07
Total,	$494.07

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Barton & Prescott, printing town report	$17.00
E. C. Eastman, record book, blanks and stationery	11.77
C. F. Leslie, certificates of births and deaths	5.25
D. M. Currier, " "	50
A. S. Wait, fees and services in the suit against Lebanon	35.40
costs in the Lebanon suit	15.89
Franklin P. Morgan, damage to sheep by dogs	3.00
Aaron Beck " "	7.00
D. B. Robinson " "	15.00
Moses Cilley " " in 1879	20.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, CONTINUED.

bounty on 22 hawks	4.40
Asahel Lear, public watering trough	3.00
John A. Tucker "	3.00
Bradford Currier "	2.00
Jonathan Russell "	2.00
Carnes & Muzzey, repairing bell on the Union Church	2.00
J. B. Sanborn, blanks and postage on the same	1.28
W. C. Sturoc, affidavits in pauper cases	6.00
N. P. Kidder, "	1.00
J. M. Cooper, horse hire	5.00
F. A. Young, "	1.50
A. S. Wait, counsel for supervisors	1.00
J. M. Cooper, postage and stationery	1.25
F. A. Young "	2.88
J. P. Smith "	83
Esek Young, use of hall for town meetings	30.00
Alfred Babb, services as sexton	6.00
Walter E. Holmes "	6.00
Almon C. George "	12.00
George H. Young "	8.50
" attending nine funerals	18.00
" tolling bell at nine deaths	4.50
Esek Young, services as collector	1.00
J. F. Davis "	62.80
John Angell, services as supervisor	6.00
" blank check lists	1.20
Josiah Turner, services as supervisor	10.00
John Young, "	10.50
" blanks	45
" expense for counsel	3.00
J. P. Smith, services as supervisor	9.00
" expense for counsel	5.00
Lyman Colburn, services as supervisor	6.00
S. H. Powell "	6.00
Charles E. Ryder, services as S. School Com.	32.00
F. A. Young, services as town clerk	25.00
J. P. Smith, services as town treasurer	15.00
" paying state and county taxes	3.50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, CONTINUED.

J. M. Cooper, services as overseer of the poor	24.00
F. A. Young "	5.25
D. A. George "	2.00
J. M. Cooper, services as selectman	73.00
F. A. Young "	43.75
D. A. George "	37.50
Total,	$634.90

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,		$6,221.07
Paid expense of paupers	$1,018.14	
for repairing roads and bridges	316.42	
for breaking roads	338.79	
school and other taxes	2,572.36	
on notes	494.07	
miscellaneous expenses	634.90	
Cash in the treasury	846.39	
Total,		$6,221.07

JOSEPH P. SMITH,
Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above report and find it correct.

We accept the same.

JOHN M. COOPER,
FREDERICK A. YOUNG,
DANIEL A. GEORGE,
} Selectmen of Sunapee.

SCHOOL REPORT.

By the Superintending School Committee, for the year ending March 1st, 1881.

All the schools the past year have proceeded smoothly, yet with different degrees of usefulness. The teachers have been for the most part thoroughly competent, and worthy of the confidence of the community. The very few instances in which schools have not made the progress which the committee expected have only marked the success of the larger number. Of the latter class, Misses Young, Tucker, West, Ryder, Towne, Morey and Clough taught with excellent results last year, and have been equally successful this year; and as it would seem superfluous to state from time to time the same in substance, only a brief mention of these teachers will be made.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term taught by Miss Arvilla S. Young. This was her first experience in teaching. She exhibited commendable energy and an earnest desire to faithfully perform the work she had undertaken, and her labors were attended with fair success. The school, at my final inspection, evidently lacked that enthusiasm which would have been sustained by a constant attendance. The winter term was under the charge of Miss Francena G. Ryder, who gave satisfaction so far as I know. Owing to sickness of teacher this term was prematurely closed.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term taught by Miss Etta West, of Claremont. Miss West is a very valuable and efficient teacher, and the announcement of her desire to close her labors at the end of this term was received with regret, and to whatever field of labor she goes she will bear with her the kindest wishes of both parents and scholars. Through her efforts the past year, two valuable maps have been added to the equipments of the school room. The fall term was taught by Miss Myra A. Towne, of Boscawen. Miss Towne is a teacher of experience and culture, who, as it is one of the peculiarities of childhood to imitate the manners and style with which it comes in contact, must always exert a refining influence on the minds of her pupils. Ill-health of the teacher's mother caused her to resign her position at the close of this term, very much to the regret of all interested in the school. Miss Luette S. Knowlton, of New London, taught in the winter. Miss Knowlton has good qualifications, and with her experience she has acquired skill and gives very thorough instruction, in which she does not neglect first principles that too often receive only a partial attention. The teacher has apparently spared no effort to make this a pleasant a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

There has been but one term of school in this district. A winter term was taught by Miss Emeline M. Fletcher, of New London. Miss Fletcher has had but little experience in teaching, this being her second term, yet she appeared to be thoroughly acquainted with the routine of the school room and untiring in her efforts to promote the welfare of those entrusted to her care, and her pupils will with gratitude ever remember the patient labor bestowed upon them by a kind and faithful teacher. Miss Fletcher is a student at Colby Academy, and has scholarly attainments beyond those required by law to teach in the public schools.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Francena G. Ryder. Miss Ryder is earnest and conscientious in teaching and faithful in discipline. She had previously taught in this district, and her acquaintance with the pupils and the wants of the school enabled her to continue it with commendable success. The fall term was taught by Miss Clara E. Fisher. She brought to the work good literary qualifications and an aptness to teach and govern. Her kind and active energy has prompted her pupils to diligent effort and her instruction in every study was definite and thorough. At the closing examination, it was evident that very good progress had been made and that she had won the love and respect of her scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Lucy A. Young. This school is distinguished for its good discipline, close application to study and gentlemanly and ladylike conduct of pupils, who deserve the help and encouragement of all interested in this school. Each of the terms was highly successful, and Miss Young has fully sustained her reputation as a good teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The summer term was taught by Miss Clara E. Fisher. This was her first attempt at teaching and although the requirements of this school are not such as to draw out any great reserve force or excess of learning, she has proved herself capable and worthy of the position which she occupies. For the fall term the committee secured the services of Miss Cora B. Morey, who had charge of both terms the preceding year, and has this term sustained the interest of the school in a manner satisfactory to the district and profitable to the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The summer term was under the charge of Miss Kate B. Long, of Newport. Miss Long possesses rare natural talent for teaching and is fully devoted to the work of the school room. In her management of the school she so combined strict discipline and kindness that she secured the esteem and confidence of both parent and pupils. In consequence of sickness this term closed sooner than was expected and there was no examination, but report credits her with having had admirable success. For the winter term the committee was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Eliza A. Tucker, whose reputation as an able disciplinarian and faithful teacher is well known and needs no words of commendation. Miss Tucker entered the school with an appreciative understanding of its wants and has earnestly labored for its best interest, and while under her charge the school has made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

This school for the entire year was under the instruction of Miss Flora C. Clough, of Grantham. Miss Clough is a thoroughly efficient and accomplished teacher, and by her prompt and energetic manner has had complete control of the school and has evidently won the esteem of every scholar and parent. I regard each term eminently successful and believe that by her unceasing industry the school has reached as high a position as it ever attained. In this school, as in No. 5, map drawing, a study too generally neglected, has received considerable attention. This is a very important branch of study since it serves to impress distinctly upon the mind of the pupil the form of the divisions of the earth's surface, and when the interior work is reached, the position and comparitive size of different countries.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The summer term was taught by Mrs. Celia M. Fuller,

of Newport. A more thorough comprehension of some of the branches taught would enable her to perform her work with better satisfaction to herself and more profit to her pupils. From a want of method and clear elucidation she did not bring the school to as high a standing as it is capable of attaining. The winter term was taught by Miss Alice L. Stevens, of Enfield. Miss Stevens' manner lacked energy and that force which inspires confidence. The order at my first visit seemed a little deficient. As I did not see the school at the close I can not state the progress from personal knowledge, but from what I could learn it did not reach average rank. Many teachers labor in school and out for the advancement of their pupils, and as such are generally highly successful it is suggestive that all teachers could employ their *spare time* in this manner.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

The antiquateness of the text books of our schools together with a want of uniformity, tending to multiply classes and generally to retard progress, has led me to make some changes, the wisdom of which I will leave to the future results in your schools to determine. Appleton's Readers, Swinton's Spellers and the Eclectic Geographies have been introduced the past year and are now the authorized text books on their respective subjects. The excellence of these books must be apparent to all who give them an examination. I do not believe in the practice of changing books every two or three years, yet there are reasons occasionally for making such changes. It would be strange if, in these progressive days, after having used a certain series twelve or fifteen years, there should not be among all the publications that are brought out from time to time some that were very much better than those in present use. Geography, which the past year has led all other studies in degree of progress made, now covers a vast amount of information never thought of twenty years ago, and additions are made every year through the efforts of exploring expeditions and scientific researches. It would be fol-

ly, therefore, to keep books in use that were far behind the times and by so doing deprive your children to a certain extent of a knowledge of the great truths that have recently been unfolded to the world. So of other branches of study; new methods of teaching and new and simplified methods of presenting the subject matter of lessons in such a way as to make them interesting and attractive make it easy for a child to learn in a few hours that which before might not have been learned in as many days. Often there is an objection made to the introduction of new books on account of the cost. A rivalry between publishing firms has enabled me to introduce the spellers and geographies on even exchange, thus obviating this objection. I submit with this report a list of the authorized text books of the town, a roll of honor and tabular statement giving general information.

CHARLES E. RYDER,

S. S. Com.

LIST OF TEXT-BOOKS.

The New Testament.
Appleton's Readers.
Swinton's Spellers.
Greenleaf's Arithmetics.
The Eclectic Geographies.
Weld and Quackenbos', Kerl's, Greene's, and Swinton's Grammar*.
Ellsworth's Reversible Writing Books.
Anderson's Histories.
Olney's*, and Davis' Algebras.
Hutchison's Physiology.
Groesbeck's Book-keeping.

*Swinton's Grammar and Olney's Algebra recommended.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all scholars who have been present every half day of a term (two terms marked *, three terms, †) without being tardy:

District No. 1—Frank A. Babb, Anne L. Rowe.

District No. 2—Altie Colby, Belle Colby, Lucian Cowles, Minnie Emery, Fannie Hadley* Lillian Hadley*, Ned Hadley*.

District No. 3—Ernest Muzzey.

District No. 4—George S. Abbott, Lora M. Abbott, Albert S. Gardner.

District No. 5—Eddie Bartlett, Alice Boyce, Almon H. Eastman, Blanche Eastman, Curtis Eastman, Hattie George, Mabel A. George, Bertie Holmes, Ida E. Holmes*, Mary Muzzey, Willie H. Muzzey, Fred Stickney.

District No. 6—Walter E. Dow, Fred Noyes*, Jesse A. Noyes*, Willie A. Noyes*, Charles L. Wiggins, Walter P. Wiggins.

District No. 7—H. R. Pearl Merrill.

District No. 8—Minnie Abbott*, Willie A. Abbott, Delmer Bartlett*, Fred Bartlett, Johnnie Bartlett†, M. Inez Bartlett*, O. Lenna Knowlton†, I. Eugene Keeler, Cleb Muzzey, Belle G. Paige, Anna Sargent, Fred Sargent, Hattie Smith*, Anna Stocker, Josie Stocker, Ethel M. Young.

District No 9—Freddie Adams, Clarence Cross*, Stella Cross†, Bertie Cutts, Ilda George, Duane Lear, Eugene Muzzey,† Mortimer Muzzey†, Beulah Young†, Mamie Young, Alvah Young.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of District	Terms.—1. Summer; 2. Fall; 3. Winter	Names of Teachers.	Length of School in weeks	Number of Scholars	Average Daily Attendance	No. between 5 and 15 not attending Schools	No. of Scholars under 5 years of Age	No. of Scholars over 15 years of Age	No. Studying Higher Branches	No. of Visitors	Instances of Tardiness	Teacher's Wages per Month, including Board
1	1	Arvilla S. Young	9	12	10	0	0	2	0	18	7	
	3	Francena G. Ryder	13	16	12	1	0	7	2	13	14	16.00
2	1	Etta West	10	25	20	0	0	0	0	30	19	17.80
	2	Myra A. Towne	10	26	19	0	0	2	1	20	15	16.80
	3	Luette S. Knowlton	13	14	11	10	0	0	0	8	40	17.80
3	3	Emeline M. Fletcher	16½	13	9	0	0	6	3	21	36	20.00
4	1	Francena G. Ryder	12	13	10	1	2	2	2	11	33	12.00
	2	Clara E. Fisher	12	17	13	0	2	4	2	19	13	14.00
5	1	Lucy A. Young	10	19	18	2	3	0	0	21	3	16.00
	3	Lucy A. Young	13	22	19	0	0	2	0	18	18	20.00
6	1	Clara E. Fisher	8	9	8	1	2	1	0	14	2	11.00
	2	Cora B. Morey	7	10	7	0	0	1	0	6	0	11.00
7	1	Kate B. Long	8	15	13	1	1	0	0	4	60	16.00
	3	Eliza A. Tucker	12	16	14	0	0	3	1	19	62	18.00
8	1	Flora C. Clough	10	43	40	1	1	3	0	47	33	24.00
	2	Flora C. Clough	10	44	41	4	2	6	0	47	61	28.00
	3	Flora C. Clough	12	46	39	6	1	8	1	17	149	
9	1	Celia M. Fuller	8	30	26	0	2	2	2	10	40	20.00
	2	Alice L. Stevens	8	23	21	0	0	1	0	14	51	14.00
	3	Alice L. Stevens	8	21	19	0	1	0	0	13	69	14.00

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